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PLACEMENTS SLIGHTLY UP

For the week ending October 13, 2007, growers placed 11.3 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 0.1% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.3 million) increased 0.2% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, an increase of 4.3% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.2 million for the week ending October 06, 2007 compared to 11.3 million slaughtered during the same week in 2006.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
08/18/07	14,034	14,127	11,760	11,702	11,815	10,963
08/25/07	13,755	13,792	11,678	11,599	11,679	11,599
09/01/07	13,797	13,544	11,474	11,695	11,477	11,695
09/08/07	13,585	13,615	11,537	11,732	11,537	11,732
09/15/07	13,075	12,817	11,266	11,483	11,461	11,483
09/22/07	13,642	13,547	11,346	11,348	11,391	11,348
09/29/07	13,741	14,114	11,248	11,520	11,380	11,520
10/06/07	13,740	13,670	10,695	10,736	10,757	10,736
10/13/07	13,240	13,814	11,300	11,325	11,318	11,325

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.
* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	10/20/07	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	67.76	67.90	76.95	61.86
12-City Composite 2/	70.05	70.36	80.37	65.23

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Sep 8 2007	Sep 15 2007	Sep 22 2007	Sep 29 2007	Oct 6 2007	Oct 13 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	30,946	31,385	*31,536	*30,715	*31,282	30,396
AR	27,225	26,429	27,324	26,379	*27,403	26,967
DE	3,954	3,885	3,870	4,218	3,996	4,189
FL	1,344	1,374	1,344	1,344	1,344	1,344
GA	34,273	34,299	*34,639	33,548	35,453	35,144
KY	7,126	7,003	*8,144	6,891	*7,630	6,925
LA	4,029	3,999	3,978	3,712	4,015	3,829
MD	8,500	7,950	8,512	8,732	8,495	8,460
MS	18,093	17,881	17,434	17,106	17,409	17,559
NC	17,631	19,135	*19,516	18,396	18,271	18,702
OK	6,749	6,049	*6,877	6,373	*6,584	6,472
PA	4,204	4,058	4,297	*4,360	*4,313	4,175
SC	5,390	5,547	5,518	5,728	5,394	5,343
TX	14,642	13,224	13,982	14,173	*14,689	14,476
VA	6,211	5,810	6,223	5,855	6,264	6,324
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,865	*18,133	*18,858	*19,587	*19,588	19,298
19 State Total	*209,182	*206,161	*212,052	*207,117	*212,130	209,603
Previous Year Total	204,137	202,441	207,521	203,118	205,727	203,451
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	102	103	103

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 210 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 13, 2007. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Sep 8 2007	Sep 15 2007	Sep 22 2007	Sep 29 2007	Oct 6 2007	Oct 13 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,757	20,991	*20,803	*20,039	*20,316	20,747
AR	23,745	24,169	23,070	23,197	*22,630	23,143
DE	4,874	4,841	5,259	4,540	4,790	4,844
FL	1,354	1,343	*1,427	1,393	*1,083	1,519
GA	29,267	29,387	28,786	28,243	*28,411	28,984
KY	6,452	5,911	6,436	5,832	*5,957	6,633
LA	3,979	3,905	4,225	4,057	3,552	3,881
MD	6,109	5,783	5,408	6,343	5,429	5,636
MS	16,947	16,238	16,172	*16,586	*16,434	16,096
NC	15,934	16,414	15,950	14,872	15,897	16,579
OK	4,897	5,383	5,619	5,097	*4,951	4,922
PA	3,123	3,252	3,139	*3,119	*3,028	3,250
SC	*4,383	*4,513	5,087	4,663	4,890	3,846
TX	12,486	12,385	12,519	12,202	*11,154	11,816
VA	5,271	5,353	4,866	4,887	4,561	5,096
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,156	*16,868	*17,772	*16,914	*16,080	16,350
19 State Total	*176,734	*176,736	*176,538	*171,984	*169,163	173,342
Previous Year Total	174,016	174,374	173,499	167,530	164,849	167,994
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	102	103	103	103

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 13, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through October 13, 2007 were 7.23 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.